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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Prasad  
Serial No. : 09/938,757 Examiner : Ware, D.  
Filed : August 24, 2001 Art Unit : 1651  
For : AGROPOLYMER MATERIAL FOR USE IN WATER  
PURIFICATION AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING THE  
SAME

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2002,  
please consider the following remarks, which indicate a provisional election, with  
traverse, of the claims of Group I.

The Examiner asserts that restriction to one of the following inventions is  
required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I. Claims 1-6, drawn to an agropolymer, classified in class 536,  
subclass 1.11;
- Group II. Claims 7-18, drawn to a method of producing an agropolymer,  
classified in class 435, subclass 410; and